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CITY GETS ROAD MONEY

St. Petersburg Will Receive Its Portion of Road Fund.

EFFECT OF THE DECISION.

Far Reaching—Other Municipalities May Demand Their Proportion of Taxes Paid Counties.

Tampa, Fla.—In a decision which will have a far-reaching influence, if sustained by the supreme court, Judge J. B. Wall of this circuit rendered an opinion that the county commissioners of Hillsborough county should turn over to the town of St. Petersburg its portion of the road and bridge fund of 1907. The city attorney of St. Petersburg had argued before Judge Wall that the county is liable to that for its full quota of the road fund apportioned to municipalities under the provision of the statute which says that each municipality is entitled to one-half of the road and bridge fund collected within their respective corporate limits. The effect of the decision, if sustained, in the higher court, to which it is said the county commissioners will carry it, will be to precipitate a demand of other municipalities in the state for their proportion of the road and bridge fund and it is not unlikely that the commissioners will be called upon by Tampa for a large amount due under the act to this corporation. As Tampa pays 75 per cent of the road fund into the county treasury, the payment to it of its proportion would work a hardship on the rural districts.

WATCHED FIFTEEN YEARS.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at S. W. Rowley's drug store. if

63 TRAINS OF MAHOGANY.

Three Solid Trains a Day Shipped for Twenty-One Days.

Pensacola, Fla.—Three solid trains of mahogany logs daily for twenty-one days were shipped from Pensacola to Louisville, during the past three weeks. Each of the trains sent out was an extra and numbered no less than sixty-three trains within the time specified. The mahogany came here on vessels which had loaded the logs both in South Africa and British Honduras, and the shipments were the largest ever known in the history of the port.

JACKSONVILLE'S GROWTH.

Since the Great Fire 8,067 New Buildings Have Been Erected.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Since the great fire on May 3, 1901, when the entire city of Jacksonville was laid in ashes, there has been erected 8,067 new buildings. Jacksonville has enjoyed an uninterrupted building boom since the great conflagration and in almost every instance, the new buildings erected are superior to those destroyed. Particularly is this true at the present time, as the new buildings now under the course of construction, are of a costlier, larger and more substantial character than ever before. It is also true that the expansion in this particular becomes more marked each month of the building progress. Possibly the greatest and surest index to the prosperity of the city is the bank clearings. Despite adverse circumstances, the bank clearings for the month of October will exceed by over \$100,000 the clearings for the corresponding month of last year. By an official compilation the bank clearings for the month of October are shown to amount, in the aggregate, to \$6,584,845.65. The figures exceed the total clearings for the corresponding month of 1907 by \$120,559.67.

HOW IS YOUR DIGESTION?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th avenue, San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c at S. W. Rowley's drug store. if

BALLOTS CAUSE COMPLAINT.

Alphabetical Order of Arranging Names on Ballot Caused Confusion.

Tallahassee, Fla.—There is considerable complaint from the various counties in which the alphabetical order of arranging the names on the ballots furnished for the recent election was followed. A scrutiny of the returns shows that many voters were puzzled when they attempted to pick out the candidates they wished to vote for, quite a number solving the problem by voting for the first names, thus distributing their suffrage among the various parties with a generosity which, presumably, was not at all intended.

In several counties the alphabetical arrangement of names of candidates was abandoned in the blank ballots and the five first names in the list of presidential electors were those of the democratic candidates, followed by the five republican candidates and so on. Generally the names of each democratic candidate or candidates lead the list in the case of each office to be voted for. This was a more satisfactory arrangement than the alphabetical one.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. if

Judging from the accounts of malicious and aimless destruction of private property on Halloween night as published by various state papers, there is need of rigid enforcement of the law applicable to such acts.

STATE GLEANINGS.

The Kalamazoo board of trade has adopted strong resolutions regarding the menace to the citrus markets involved in the shipping of green fruit. The board would have the state take vigorous action, also the United States department of agriculture, by bringing the shipment of green fruit within the scope of the pure food laws, if possible. It would have a state law passed requiring the labeling of all packages containing such fruit in a manner to indicate that it is green.

The ceremonies in connection with the induction into office of Gov. Gilchrist on January 1 promise to be the most brilliant that Tallahassee has ever seen. The Tallahassee board of trade has made preparations for this inauguration in the way of appointing committees, and intends that it shall be one worthy of a state growing so rapidly in population and wealth as Florida is. The state's metropolis should be worthily represented in these exercises. Jacksonville's growing importance and her relations to the rest of the state call upon her to take a prominent part in the inauguration of the governor for which it and Duval county polled so large a vote. As the Tallahassee True Democrat of October 23 put it.

Aeronautics, the American magazine of aerial navigation, for October, has this item of news concerning a well-known winter resident of Florida: "Mr. Hugh L. Willoughby, a prominent member of the Aero club of America, will shortly start work upon an aeroplane at his winter home at Sewall's Point, Florida. This work will be based partly upon a model which he constructed in 1888 and partly from observations made in the intervening years."

The music festival to be held in the auditorium of Stetson university, at DeLand, February 10-12, will be the greatest event that has occurred in the art history of Florida. With two great oratorios, "The Messiah" and "Elijah," rendered by four soloists of wide reputation and a well trained local chorus of some hundred voices, accompanied by the large organ of the university and a good orchestra, it is an event to which many music lovers of the state will look forward with anticipations of pleasure.

A meteor was seen to descend in broad daylight some time ago by a party in a launch on the Coast Line canal, near Palm Beach. It apparently reached earth about half a mile north of east from Juno. It was apparently about four or five times as large as the largest ball from a Roman candle. Such a sight is very unusual and that party was very fortunate in observing it.

Surveyor J. W. Patton of Gainesville has completed a report on the pine tree on which he has been at work for three years. He finds from observation that a pine will grow only one-twelfth of an inch in thickness after the first five years and that it takes sixty-two years for the pine forests to produce saw timber.

How little is known of the mineral wealth of Florida is shown by the reported discovery by a citizen of Gainesville of agate on the banks of the Suwannee river in the western part of the county, Alachua. Like the recent discovery of marble near Tampa, it was unexpected. The specimens of agate, it is said, will compare favorably with those found in Colorado, and large quantities can be found in that region. Agate, onyx, chalcedony, carnelian, sand, chrysoprase and many others are but varieties differing only in external form and appearance from each other, of the one family, quartz, says the American Encyclopedia. The same authority states that agates are distinguished from the other varieties by the veins of different shades of color which traverse the stone in parallel, concentric layers, often so thin as to number fifty or more to an inch. When these stripes alternate, an opaque band with one transparent, the stone forms the material of the true cameo. One of the most beautiful and striking forms of this stone is the moss agate, but there are several other named varieties of the agate, all beautiful and all semi-precious stones. We shall know much more about the minerals to be found in Florida when the state geologist survey has completed its general work.

The Pennsylvania capitalists who have formed a company to develop the Okefenokee swamp, lying partly in Florida and partly in Georgia, think

they have a better plan to get the valuable cypress timber out of that swamp than the digging of a canal which a former company attempted. They will build a railroad fifty miles long into the swamp, it is understood that there is a great quantity of excellent timber in that swamp and the marketing thereof will add considerably to the wealth and commerce of this section.

Sheriff James C. Van Pelt of Escambia county candidate for re-election, received nearly two votes to every one received by his independent opponent, in nineteen out of thirty-three precincts. It will be remembered that so much criticism was made of him for doing his sworn duty in the defense of a negro prisoner when a mob attacked the jail that he was discouraged to the point of tendering his withdrawal as a candidate. But the urging from his friends and the law-abiding public was so strong that he consented to reconsider his intention. Escambia thus shows honor to the man who did his duty fearlessly.

County Enumerator J. E. Merrell of Orlando has filed his report of the farm products and manufacturing interests of Orange county and while there are still thousands of acres of uncultivated land in the county the report indicates that the acres that are cultivated yield abundant and profitable returns. The manufacturing interests which include naval stores, etc., show capital invested of \$1,445,400, with a cash product of \$927,110. The past year has been a most disastrous one for the turpentine men and many of the stills have been idle a part or all of the time.

CASTORIA

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Signature of

Wm. D. Fletcher

WOMAN FATALLY SHOT.

Footprints Traced — Man Is Under Arrest.

Pensacola, Fla. — Mrs. Josephine Lewis was shot and probably fatally wounded as she sat at her sewing machine in her home at Bay Point. The shot was fired by someone whose identity is not known and who was hidden behind a bush near a window. The shooting was done with a shot gun, the charge taking effect in Mrs. Lewis' breast.

Foot prints were traced from the vicinity of the Lewis residence to the home of Hugh Powell and he was placed under arrest as a suspicious person. He said he knew nothing about the shooting. The sheriff believes robbery was the motive for the attack.

PUTNAM COUNTY GOING AHEAD.

This section of Putnam county is pushing ahead. For instance, at our county seat, Palatka, there have been more public improvements made in the past two years than in twenty years previous all put together.

A movement is now on foot to bond the county for good roads, bridge across the St. Johns river and new court house. The push and go-ahead fever has struck. Now is the time to invest in this section. Prices of real estate will advance lively in the next two years. Come to San Mateo or write

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